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Scaling-up community driven innovations for inclusive climate change adaptation

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David Radcliffe was a senior adviser for DFID on rural livelihoods and environment, initiating support to rural livelihoods in Afghanistan and leading DFID support to livelihoods and climate change in India. He previously worked on FAO field projects in Botswana, Ethiopia, and Mozambique, and is currently advising FCDO on identifying and scaling up lessons from IFAD's ASAP programme.



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Vijay Kumar is a Senior Civil Servant with 38 years of experience in Government, with more than 25 years spent in large scale community mobilization – women, tribal communities, and farmers. For the last 5 years, he has been leading the efforts of the Government in transforming farmers to climate resilient, natural farming. The programme in 2021 covers 3730 villages and 750,000 farmers and farm workers.



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Ms. Shila Gnyawali is a Forest Officer, employee under Government of Nepal. She has more than 27 years of experience in community-based forest management, climate change adaptation planning, gender responsive budgeting focusing on improvement of livelihoods of rural vulnerable and women issues. Currently, she is working as a Planning Officer and Gender Focal Person in ASHA Project (www.asha.gov.np), supported by IFAD and ASAP.

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Fernanda Thomaz da Rocha is IFAD's Senior Regional Technical Specialist in Rural Institutions for the Latin America and the Caribbean region, based in Lima. She joined IFAD in 2020 and has been working in the design and supervision of LAC country programs, particularly in the areas of smallholder agriculture development, farmers' organizations and rural institutions, territorial development, agroecology and sustainable production systems. Prior to joining IFAD, she was Manager of the Social Fund of the Brazilian Development Bank-BNDES with over 15 years of experience in development projects. Fernanda holds a Master in Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.



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Dr Leigh Ann Winowiecki is the [Soil and Land Health](#) Research Leader at CIFOR-ICRAF. A soil scientist, her research focuses on scaling locally appropriate farmer-centered landscape restoration and soil organic carbon dynamics. She is based in Nairobi, Kenya. Since 2009 she has co-developed and implemented ICRAF's [Land Degradation Surveillance Framework \(LDSF\)](#) in over 40 countries to assess ecosystem health.



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Nicole Harari

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Nicole Harari is a Research Scientist at the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, member of the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) Executive Team. She is managing the WOCAT Global Network on Sustainable Land Management (SLM) with its UNCCD recommended Database for SLM best practices on behalf of CDE. She has extensive experience in knowledge management and decision support for SLM and has been guiding government and non-government actors in scaling up SLM interventions in over 20 countries around the globe.

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Katiuscia Fara is a Senior Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor with the World Food Programme in the Asia Pacific region. With over 20 years of experience, her work has focused on climate and disaster risk management, sustainable development, poverty reduction and community-based adaptation. Katiuscia has co-authored the recently launched Blueprint on Climate Informed Digital Services, where she focused on the importance of ensuring equity, co-production and inclusiveness.



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President of the Pan Africa Farmers Organization (PAFO) and the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)

Elizabeth is a successful agripreneur and has been championing farmer-led Agriculture technology and innovation at the EAFF through the E-Granary initiative that virtually aggregates farmers for markets. She is a passionate cooperator and she spearheaded the push to have the regional law on cooperatives through the East Africa Legislative Assembly.



Christophe Larose

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Christophe Larose holds a Master degree in Development Economics from Auvergne University, France (1996). He has been involved in consultancy work and joined the European Commission as administrator since 2003. He has been posted in several EU Delegations: Mauritius (with responsibilities over Seychelles, Comoros and Indian Ocean), Madagascar and South Africa. He came back to Directorate-General for Development and International Cooperation (EuropeAid), European Commission, Brussels in September 2016.